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Campus News Briefs

Students to speak about summer experience

Faculty and staff are invited to a symposium Oct. 28 to learn about the summer experiences of two students who were selected to serve as assistants of successful Indiana entrepreneurial companies. Tom Tyson and Dutch Kendall will speak at 4 p.m. in O-203. The two were the first students chosen to participate in a summer job-experience sponsored by CID Ventures of Indianapolis.

Graduate School Seminar

Seven graduate schools will be represented at the annual Graduate School Seminar scheduled Oct. 29 and coordinated by the Office of Career Services and Employer Relations. Represented will be Clemson, Indiana, and Purdue universities along with Renaissance Poly, the University of Illinois, Missouri-Rolla and the University of Louisville.

Sophomore Midterm Grades Reported

Midterm grades showed that 99 sophomores had a GPA of 2.0 or below, and 16 of those had a midterm below a 1.0. In a related note, ten students have withdrawn from the Institute so far this quarter.

Did You Know?

- The voluntary gift income for the fiscal year totals \$1,280,000.
- Voluntary gift income for 1992-93 totaled \$6,769,000.
- Financial aid for 1992-93 totaled \$6,555,000.
- Instructional funding for 1992-93 totaled \$11,786,000.
- For the week ending October 13, Jan Jerrell was the staff member of the week, and Mike Maloney was the faculty member of the week.

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Rose drama club to present 'Biloxi Blues'

by Lisa Young

Members of Rose-Hulman's Drama Club will trace Neil Simon's timeless character, Eugene Jerome, into adulthood in the popular comedy, "Biloxi Blues." Performances are scheduled at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and Oct. 29-30 in the Moench Hall Auditorium on campus.

A continuation of Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs," the play follows Eugene to boot camp in Biloxi, Miss., in 1943. Faced with his first dose of prejudice and his first taste of love, Eugene must grow up quickly during the uncertainty of World War II.

"'Biloxi Blues' offers more than the run-of-the-mill comedy. It deals with issues that are still relevant today," says Bunny Nash, who is directing her fourth production at Rose-Hulman.

A veteran of two previous Rose-Hulman productions, sophomore Chris Lindell of Noblesville will play Eugene. Matthew Broderick played this role in the original Broadway show, which won a Tony for best play in 1985.

"Chris adds a lot of naturalness to the character. In fact, they all do. The cast has really taken hold of the characters and made them come alive. Many of the actors are completely different from the characters they portray," Nash said.

Freshman Wes DuBois will play Sgt. Merwin J. Toomey, who must turn the group of young recruits into soldiers. "It's a diffi-



WE'RE IN THE ARMY NOW -- U.S. Army recruits gather in the barracks during a scene from the Rose-Hulman Drama Club's production of "Biloxi Blues." Cast members include, from left to right, Wesley DuBois, a freshman from Rochester, N.Y.; Chris Lindell, a sophomore from Noblesville; Shawn Eads, a freshman from Indianapolis; Dan Czuba, a freshman from Hamburg, N.Y.; Travis Liggett, a freshman from Portland; and Frank Pfeiffer, a sophomore from Lynn.

cult part because Wes has to be older and an authority figure," Nash said. "He's every soldier's nightmare."

Completing the cast of soldiers are freshman Dan Czuba, as Roy Selridge; freshman Shawn Eads, as Joseph Wykowski; sophomore Frank Pfeiffer, as Don Carney; freshman Scott Thomas, as Arnold Epstein; and freshman Travis Liggett, as James Hennessy.

Also important to Eugene are the women he encounters during

boot camp. His love interest, Daisy Hannigan, is played by Elizabeth Sprague of Terre Haute, while the prostitute Rowena is portrayed by Lynn Kiaer, a mathematics professor.

The cast members may be young, but Nash says the students have risen to the challenge of performing their first production during their first quarter at Rose-Hulman.

"Even though they are involved with intensive classwork, they are really willing to

work," she explained. "These aren't onedimensional characters. You see both the good and the bad."

Nash cautions that issues raised and language used during "Biloxi Blues" may not be suitable for family audiences.

Tickets will be available at the door before each performance. Prices are \$4 for adults and \$2 for persons 18 years old and under. Rose-Hulman students are admitted free. For more information, persons can call 877-8275.

Aaron Barr's Projects Help Optics Students

by Lisa Young

Thanks to Aaron Barr, the Center for Applied Optics Studies at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology has developed equipment to help future college students understand the intricacies of laser beams and light.

Among Barr's developments this past summer were the Beam Profiler, a camera-like device which analyzes laser beams. The profiler is currently being used by Rose-Hulman students in physics and applied optics laboratories.

A second project, the Spectral Response System, measures the sensitivity of a light detector or light source at different wave lengths. The Center for Applied Optics Studies needed the device to solve problems posed by Indiana companies.

"People don't understand how optics technology and physics can make things more efficient," says Barr, a senior applied optics major. "There's a sense of accomplishment to see your project being used to help others. Optics is an expanding field, one that's going to simply explode in the future as more people learn about this technology."

Barr has been captivated with applied optics since graduating from Tri-Central High School in 1990. That interest expanded this

summer during an internship in the Center for Applied Optics Studies, a laboratory which allows Rose-Hulman students and professors to work on research projects for Indiana businesses. While many of the projects are highly secretive in nature, the Center has developed technology to improve productivity and efficiency -- keeping businesses competitive in the marketplace.

"Through Aaron's efforts, several Indiana businesses will have the technology available to prosper in the future. And, his summer projects will give future students the technology necessary to become more productive students, with a firm grasp of applied optics," said Brij Khorana, director for the Center for Applied Optics Studies.

Now, Barr is constructing a slide projector -- from scratch -- as a senior design project. He is looking toward career choices: from graduate school in applied optics to possibly law school.

"I'd like to use my applied optics background as a patent lawyer," he said. "My summer internship at the Center taught me that I want to be in the driver's seat of projects, instead of taking orders. . . I learned a great deal about working with companies, professors and peers in a professional manner."

Rose student accused of rape

by Jarod Bradfield
Thorn Reporter

An 18-year old woman reported to the Terre Haute Police Department that on Tuesday, October 12, 1993 she was raped by a Rose-Hulman student at the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity house. The woman, according to police reports, alleges that she was invited by the man to the fraternity house, and, once there, he asked her to his room to watch movies.

The *Tribune Star* reported that she said the accused then started to kiss her, and she asked him to stop; the man got mad and left the room and returned 20 minutes later with two other men. One of the men appeared drunk, she said. The other man then allegedly grabbed her, threw her to the floor and pinned her down as the suspect

allegedly pulled down her pants. The woman told police she screamed for help but the men turned up the volume on the TV and stereo to drown out her cries. The suspect then proceeded to rape her, she said, and then forced her to perform oral sex. However, the accused claims the woman was not raped and that she willingly performed oral sex in his room at the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity house.

As of press time, no criminal charges have been filed against any of the men allegedly involved. The Terre Haute City Police, Rose-Hulman, and the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity are all continuing their investigations into the alleged rape. A decision of whether or not to file criminal charges is expected to be made this week.

Weekend Weather Forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly Cloudy Freeze Warning Tonight High of 60, low of 30	Partly Cloudy High of 65, low of 35	Mostly Sunny High of 65, low of 35

Campus Calendar

WEEK OF OCTOBER 24-30

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

Soccer, St. Joseph's College, Jim Rendel Field, 3:30 p.m.
Night Exam, General Chemistry Honors (CM 112), E-104, 7-9 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

Bid Tuesday
Seminar, "Improving Your Competitive Edge," 9 a.m.
Institute Meeting To Discuss Coalition Foundation, E-104, 4:20 p.m.
Leadership Seminar, Hulman Union, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
SGA Senate Meeting, GM Room, 4:30 p.m.
Fencing Club Meeting, Shook Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.
Career Services Interviews: Mallinckrodt, Logikos, Bethlehem Steel

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

President's Administrative Council, PA Room, Hulman Union, 8 a.m.
Soccer, Franklin College, Jim Rendel Field, 3:30 p.m. (ICAC Match)
Solar Phantom Team Meeting, GM Room, 7 p.m.
Career Services Interviews: Bethlehem Steel, Dwyer Instruments

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

Report On CID Ventures Summer Experience, Tom Tyson and Dutch Kendall, O-203, 4 p.m.
Fiction Reading, Award-Winning Author Donald Hays ("The Dixie Association"), A-202, 8 p.m.
Career Services Interviews: Dwyer Instruments

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

GRADUATE SCHOOL SEMINAR, Moench Hall Auditorium, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Colleges attending: Clemson, Illinois Institute of Technology, Univ. of Illinois, Indiana Univ., Univ. of Louisville, Univ. of Michigan, Univ. of Missouri-Rolla, Notre Dame, Purdue and Rensselaer Polytechnic)
Drama Club Production, "Biloxi Blues," Moench Hall Auditorium, 8 p.m.
Career Services Interviews: Dwyer Instruments

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

Dads' Day
* Lunch, Main Dining Room, Hulman Union, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
* Soccer, Manchester College, Jim Rendel Field, 11:30 a.m. (ICAC Match)
* Football, Wabash College, Phil Brown Field, 1:30 p.m. (ICAC Game)
* Bonfire Cookout, West Of Fieldhouse Parking Lot, After Game
* Drama Club Production, "Biloxi Blues," Moench Hall Auditorium, 8 p.m.
Cross Country, at ICAC Championships, N. Manchester, 11 a.m.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 6

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

Halloween
Midnight Madness, Start Of Basketball Practice, Shook Fieldhouse, Midnight

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Registration Deadline For Winter Intramural Leagues (Basketball, Volleyball, Racquetball and Indoor Soccer)
Career Services Information Session: Lord Corp., PA Room, Hulman Union, 7-8 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

SGA Club Council Meeting, PA Room, Hulman Union, 4:30 p.m.
Night Exam, Kinetics & Rector Design (CH 404), O-203, 7-9 p.m.
Fencing Club Meeting, Shook Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.
Career Services Interviews: Lord Corp.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

President's Administrative Council, PA Room, Hulman Union, 8 a.m.
SAB Presents Kevin Hughes, 12:40 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Solar Phantom Team Meeting, GM Room, 7 p.m.
Career Services Interviews: A.E. Staley

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Career Services Interviews: Texas Instruments

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Career Services Interviews: Texas Instruments

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Fine Arts Series, Minneapolis Guitar Quartet, Moench Hall Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
Football, at Anderson University, Anderson, 1:30 p.m. (ICAC Game)

FUTURE FILE

NOV. 10 -- RHA Give Up A Meal Day
NOV. 11 -- Veterans Day
NOV. 12 -- Basketball Exhibition, Athletic Ambassadors, 7:30 p.m.
NOV. 14 -- Last Supper Before Finals
NOV. 15-18 -- Final Exams For Fall Quarter
NOV. 18 -- End Of Fall Quarter, 5 p.m.
NOV. 19-28 -- Quarter Break

ORGANIZATION NOTICES: Information on club meetings, lectures/speeches, and athletic events must be received before noon each Wednesday. Please contact Dale Long, associate director of communications, at Box 14 or extension 8418.

The Rose Bush

Campus News and Information

FACULTY AND STAFF SCHEDULING TIME FOR FLU SHOTS

Flu shots are going to be given next Monday, October 25 and Wednesday, October 27. The times for both days will be from 9 am to 2 pm. The shots will be given in Moench Hall Room E204 (Faculty and Staff Lounge). I need you to schedule a time for the shot. We are scheduling people every 15 minutes (it doesn't take 15 minutes - we are scheduling others for the same time period). Please reply with a time that fits your schedule, i.e. on the hour, 15 minutes past, 30 minutes past or 45 minutes past. Please indicate a 1st and 2nd choice. If you don't hear from me, your first choice is OK.

INTRAMURAL

CROSS-COUNTRY MEET

Register now for the 1993 intramural cross-country meet to be held Tuesday, November 2. See Coach Ruark to submit your name and/or team for the competition. The distance will be approximately 2 miles. Deadline is Monday, November 1.

GUN CLUB REMINDER

First shooting day will be Saturday, October 23, 12 Noon at Don Brannan's house. Meet at the GC room at 11:30 am for directions and/or ride (those who can, please bring a car to help transport). Remember to wear old boots and bring your firearms if you have some.

CIRCLE K CLUB MEETING

There will be an informational meeting about the Circle K Club of Rose-Hulman, a service

organization sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, Tuesday the 26th at 7:30 pm in the Union. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Kevin Lueschen at ext 8660 or Jason Rott at 234-0969.

AUTHOR TO DISCUSS NOVEL

Donald Hays, author of the 1984 book *The Dixie Association*, will be on campus to discuss his book for HU346 - Modern Southern Fiction. He will also give a reading from his new novel on Thursday, October 28, at 8 pm in A202. It will be open to everyone.

DISCUSSION GROUP

There will be an open discussion group on Tuesday, October 26, at 5 p.m. in A203, to discuss current events. All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend. We will provide FREE PIZZA! Please let Dr. Carvill (8284) or Dan Hector (8691) know if you plan to attend so we can order enough food (bring your own drink). See you there!

WCC NETWORKING WORKSHOPS

Waters Computing Center will be having workshops on basic residence hall networking for NeXT, Mac, and DOS-based computers. If anyone has questions regarding networking their computer, they should attend the workshop that matches their computer architecture.

NeXT users - 7:00 p.m.

Mac users - 7:30 p.m.

DOS users - 8:00 p.m.

The Rose Bureaucrat

Joseph T Batt and James L Hicks
SGA Senators

This is the first issue of The Rose Bureaucrat under its new management. This publication is designed to serve by factually informing the student population about SGA Senate activities. If you have further questions about SGA Senate activities please visit the SGA office to leave comments, ask questions, or take a look at the minutes.

This week Frank Pfeiffer was appointed and confirmed by the Senate as this year's Parliamentarian. Mr. Pfeiffer practiced parliamentary procedure as FFA president at his high school.

The following senators were appointed and confirmed to the respective standing committees:

Publicity Committee

Joseph T Batt
James Hicks
Sean McPeak
Scott O'Brian
Jeff Courter

Finance Committee

Clayton Epps
Mark Heckenliab
Doug Ihrig
Chad Quick
Ryan Walker
Jeff Wrana

Programming Committee

Ben Byers
Shawn Eads
Scott Condon
Adam Fischer
Joe Joice
Mike Wisecup

The following senators were appointed and confirmed as additional commuter senators:

Dan Amrhein
David Holscher
Joe Joice

Dean Lucas requested a committee to look into the possibility of a ten-minute passing period. This is due to concerns resulting from the upcoming admission of female undergraduate students. After discussion, the senate made a resolution to recommend maintaining a five-minute passing period in lieu of creating a committee.

Adam Gersting reported that the Integrated Curriculum Committee communicated with Dr. Cary Laxer, and tentatively agreed to request that the administration publish a procedure to be followed by students who wish to drop the Integrated Curriculum.

The Senate passed a motion to have The Rose Bureaucrat publish the activities of the Senate. There was discussion as to whether this should be the minutes of the meetings or an abstract of the proceedings. The concern was whether the information could truly be presented in a factual manner without insertion of the opinion of the writers.

Vice President Brent Mutti requested discussion of the new instructor evaluation forms. After Senate discussion, President Kevin Hayes informed the Senate that at the previous institute meeting, their discussion of the issue was tabled until the next meeting in November. The Senate then agreed to have a committee appointed by the chair to draft a letter concerning the new evaluations. This letter is to be brought in front of the Senate at the next meeting for approval.

The Rose Bureaucrat is a publication of the SGA Senate. All Rose students are welcome to stop by the SGA office to discuss issues or to read the minutes.

Irreconcilable differences

by Paul Sigler
Features Editor

"I was going to buy a copy of The Power of Positive Thinking, but then I thought: What the hell good would that do?"
- Ronnie Shakes

Part of the beauty of the human animal is that we're such incredibly stubborn and surly sons of bitches.

Few people take comfort in that sort of a revelation. Most, in fact, spend much of their life fighting it. And you can explain that fact to them all you want, and they'll never believe it, partly because they are living proof that it is true.

But, since those who would not believe it are in the majority, those who subscribe to it are given a label.

Hence, I give to you The Cynic.

Cynics get a lot of bad press. They are slapped with harsh and biting adjectives such as pessimistic, sour and recalcitrant. And, somewhat gleefully, they throw them right back. For according to the cynic, all of them apply. Not only to him, but to everyone. And when the fur and the modifiers are flying, it is difficult to refute that those who attack the foundation of cynicism exhume many of the traits that they attribute to their foes. Including spite.

Mike Royko is often described as a cynic. So is his favorite beer buddy, Slat Grobnick. So, in fact, are Oscar the Grouch, Eeyore, and most of the nation's postal workers.

And, as a matter of fact, a friend of mine named Gerald is also a cynic. It's always enlightening to have a talk with Gerald.

Gerald, for instance, knows that Rush Limbaugh is in the talk radio game mainly to stroke his own ego, but he also admits that Willie does act pretty slick most of the time. He trusts neither. To Gerald, it doesn't matter whe-

ther Hillary is smarter than Bill, as long as they're both crooked. In the same manner, it makes little difference to Gerald whether Clinton's health care plan works or not. If health costs begin to go down, people will celebrate in the same manner that they have for the last ten years: they'll sue the hell out of any physician that their lawyers tell them they've got a chance against until the price of health care goes back up. And if the plan doesn't work,

"I'm already expired," Gerald says with a grin. "What does it matter when I die?"

who'll know the difference, anyway?

Gerald's a fun guy to hang around with. He smokes like a chimney, curses a lot, and eats plenty of fatty food. When questioned about his health habits, Gerald simply pulls out a copy of his birth certificate that wasn't of recent enough vintage for the county in which he was born and had been stamped with a big, red EXPIRED.

"I'm already expired," Gerald says with a grin. "What does it matter when I die?"

Gerald's cupboard is stocked with cans of tofu, however. His explanation is that they are necessary for his work. Gerald, you see, is an artist. He clips the headings of various stories from old newspapers and assembles them on a big posterboard in an order so clever that one would, upon quick inspection, see such vulgar phrases as, "Hoover sends emirate to Dallas cat house for appeasement of genital warts," or "Reading of will forces Kennedy to expose prostrate to law enforcement wives." Gerald's work is in demand throughout

much of the San Fernando valley, but he makes most of his money from the government.

"I brought down a hundred twenty grand last year," reveals Gerald. "As a result, collections of my work are hanging in courthouses across the nation. I made each one as a special order and took care in each case to insult as many of the local officials as possible. All for \$2500 a pop."

Hence the tofu. According to Gerald, with a few minor alterations, tofu makes an excellent paste.

Gerald likes to keep up on local events as well. He's known all about the SGA's dismissal of Mark Young and the subsequent bitching about SGA tyranny ever since the beginning. He's also an avid reader of the various letters that have come through the Thom office in the last six months regarding the gays in the military and the general morality of homosexuality. He constantly giggles about both.

"The whole thing is so damned pointless," he managed to spit out in between laughing fits. "The two sides are so polarized that it would take a virtual blinding on the way to Damascus for the hard-core SGA members to admit that they have faults. At the same time, nothing short of serial lobotomies are going to convince the anti-SGA proponents that the student government isn't as bad as they say." He flipped the paper into my lap. "You're wasting your time printing this bunk. It's not going to solve anything."

I felt the need to defend myself. "Well, what the hell else am I going to do? It's not like I can tell people what to think."

He leaned back slowly, his

grin never lifting. "Move on to some other issue. Write an editorial about Somalia or something. There's not a damned thing you can print that will make people on this campus see how bone-headed the anti-gay coalition is acting, or how self-righteous the pro-gay lobby is coming off as."

"Now you're learning, pal," Gerald boomed as he slapped me on the shoulder. "There is no truth but what the winners make up at the end."

That was a pretty drastic conclusion. I told him so.

He shrugged. "You see anything that indicates otherwise?"

I didn't. The letters that we had gotten attacking the SGA or bashing the gays didn't show that the authors had ever considered their other side's argument. It looked more like they had simply pulled quotes from their opponent's literature, torn the excerpts to shreds, then restated their original point. That was the case in nearly every letter we had from either side of either issue. It was a classic style of argument, but it showed little thought on either side. No one was really learning about the issues. They had entered the fray with their minds made up, and they cared only for convincing everyone else that they were right. Nowhere was there a concern for the truth of the matter.

"Now you're learning, pal,"

Gerald boomed as he slapped me on the shoulder. "There is no truth but what the winners make up at the end."

Gerald was a fun guy, but he always left me wondering whether things were as hopeless as he believed. There was no room in Gerald's world for understanding or compassion or honesty. It was a sort of anti-world; a place where everything was painted grey and where one's prime concern was watching his own backside. There was no altruism in such a world, only ulterior motives. There was no charity, only a shallow practice of giving to keep up appearances. There was no truth but what the victors wrote after it was all over. And, in Gerald's world, the proof of the system's failure was that he could gross a six-figure salary on a work week of twelve to fifteen hours despite his confessed lack of talent while I slaved away for a pittance and the unsteady promise of a comfortable living on some ethereal day in the uncertain future.

But the sad part of it all is that Gerald's world is based in reality.

Gerald is a cynic through and through. He lives off the foibles of a people he mocks, and he makes his assumptions based on the badness in their nature. Yet, most of the time, I find myself agreeing with him unwittingly. For there's a little cynicism in all of us, as much as we fight it. The only difference between Gerald and the rest of us is the degree. And, though Gerald is indeed a fun guy, he does not believe in hope.

Which is why I have always felt a little bit sorry for that stubborn, surly, son of a bitch.

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Placement suffers in a shrinking market

by Kevin Neilson
Thorn Columnist

"Times are tough," my buddy Homer complained. We sat in the ARA, despairing together over the vestiges of the evening meal. As Homer performed his nightly ritual of pouring the rest of his milk into the turbid melange of half-eaten entrees, I silently calculated the Reynold's number of the flow.

"You know," he continued, "they just aren't coming to you anymore. You have to be aggressive and go look for them. The numbers are drastically down, and only those who can demonstrate desire and ability are going to succeed." I nodded in agreement, thinking I knew what he was talking about. "The only thing worse," he added in a manner I thought enigmatic, "is that it's getting hard to find a job, too."

Pondering whether to pursue this conversation, I finally queried as to the topic of his monologue.

"If you aren't talking about a job, what, pray tell, are you talking about, Homer?"

"Chick placement. Where have you been? It's not like when we were freshman. Girls aren't just throwing themselves at us."

I was befuddled. Firstly, I had never heard the term "chick placement" before. "Correct me if I'm wrong, Homer, but I don't recall

chicks throwing themselves at us as freshmen, either." Except perhaps in anger.

"No, they weren't throwing themselves at us. At the seniors! Don't you remember the advice I gave you as a freshman?" he asked. I attempted to recall, and a randomly firing axon triggered the flashback.

It had been a Friday night, far from the archetypal literary dark and stormy eve: it was pleasant and clear, and we were engaging in our common Friday activity. Watching low-grade B movies on "UP All Night with Rhonda." Homer had interrogated:

"What happened to the date you were going to have tonight, Neilson?"

"Uh," I had delayed.

"Rejected," he had answered himself, and correctly, at that. Then he had tried to allay any worries I might have had. "Don't worry, Neilson. You're hurtin' now. But chicks don't go for freshmen. The attrition makes it too big a risk. Once you're a junior, though, college freshmen chicks will start noticing. By that time, you have shown that you're probably going to earn a degree and are thus worth the risk. By the time you get to be a senior, you take your pick. You've got it made."

Now that I recalled that vital information I realized how little it applied in today's chикоonomy. "I

remember what you told me, Homer, but how come your prophesy was so wrong?"

"I told you. Things have changed. One talk with the director of chick placement told me that."

"We have a chick placement office?" I asked.

"Certainly. You must have passed it on your way to the Rose computer dating service."

I never knew we had so many services.

"Rose has to keep in mind the total life of the student after he graduates from Rose. Job prosperity is nothing without a compatible companion."

I decided to check this out myself, and took time between classes the next day to visit the fairly well-hidden office on the sublevel of Moench. Ms. Symons was very helpful, but had a depressing message.

"I will admit chick placement is down the last couple years. But," she added, "placement from last May's class is over 70 percent, which is much better than other engineering schools are doing."

I knew this ploy, though. "But what do you consider placed?" I questioned.

"Placed grads are defined as those who are married, engaged, have serious girlfriends," here she paused, "or see someone from time to time. Or date See "Placement" on page 5

LETTERS

St. Mary's challenges top-ten rudeness

Editor:

Quick! Before it's too late! Change the locks on your office.

Some 7th grade boys have managed to insert their puerile rudeness and crudeness onto page 7 of the October 8 issue of the Rose Thorn!

And not only are these intruders pitifully scurrilous, they are ignorant besides. "Acronym" is defined as "a word formed from the initial letters of a name," whereas SMWC is not (and never has been) pronounced as a word. Hence, it is not an acronym.

I suggest that you keep on the alert to prevent these little boys from breaking and entering again. They've already done much to damage the reputation of Rose-Hulman, which many people (myself among them) used to consider a college for rational, intelligent, men.

Dr. Rosemary Nudd, SP
Associate Professor of English
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College

Skinner C-1 expresses regrets

With deepest sincerity, we, the residents of Skinner C-1, wish to offer a public apology to the many fine women of St. Mary of the Woods College as well as the Rose-Hulman community for our deplorable submittal to the Rose Thorn of October 8th. We have come to realize that many people were upset with portions of our top ten list. We now recognize that SMWC is not, in fact, an acronym. We apologize for calling it an acronym. NASA, for example, is an acronym. You can say it like a word. NASA. It just rolls off the tongue. NASA NASA NASA NASA NASA. SMWC just does not work that way. We are sorry. We see the error in our ways and promise to never again mislabel an acronym, and thus hopefully avoid causing any further uprisings. We would also like to thank Dr. Nudd for the unintentional compliment in her assumption that we are a collection of child prodigies. We are actually not of the 7th grade age. None of us has even skipped a grade, much less leap-frogged to college senior status. Finally, we would like to clarify one additional point. It seems that some readers misinterpreted number 3, Saucy Mennonites Without Clothes, as a misspelling on our now infamous top ten list. Instead of targeting the religious group Mennonites, we decided to use the more politically correct term for "those who take top ten lists entirely too seriously", or mennonites.

Thank you,
The idiot savant boys of Skinner C-1
Doug, Jay, Lynn, Damon and Clayton

A note from the editors

The Thorn humor page has never been intended to offend.

We're not yet quite loopy enough to believe that we can print something that will not offend anyone. That is an impossibility, for even if there was a joke out there somewhere which was universally accepted as non-offensive, it probably wouldn't be very funny.

But the controversial Top Ten list we printed in our last issue went beyond the realm of good-natured humor. We knew that when we published it. What we failed to take into account was that St. Mary-of-the-Woods is very much a part of the Rose-Hulman community. Because we have ignored the feelings of an important, if overlooked, portion of our readership, we on the Thorn staff offer our apologies to the women of S.M.W.C.

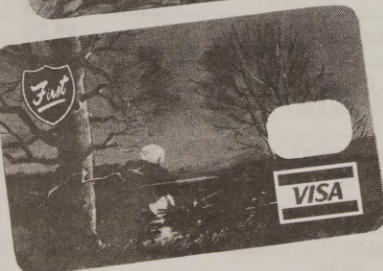
We would, however, like to emphasize the fact that the Thorn can not and will not be a censor. We will continue to try, as fully as possible, to publish literature which accurately reflects the student opinion at Rose-Hulman, regardless of whether the staff agrees or not.

We are deeply indebted the students of St. Mary-of-the-Woods College for taking notice. We look for more of their input in weeks to come.

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Rose-Hulman deals with the issue of sexual assault

by Jarod Bradfield
Thorn Columnist

One of the most intimate acts between two human beings is sexual intercourse. If intercourse is forced upon another human being, the act becomes one of the most hideous criminal acts that can be committed. This act can be committed by someone the victim knows through date rape, or by a stranger. The difficult thing about rape, the most violent form of sexual assault, is the determination of whether or not force was used. Without compelling physical evidence that force was used, the matter becomes one of one person's word against another. To deal with this issue, authorities have developed procedures to follow. Rose-Hulman's policy and the procedures of the State of Indiana will be briefly described here in order for you to understand the proceedings that occur in a rape case.

Rose-Hulman was dealing with the issue of sexual assault before the alleged incident a week ago. According to Dean Lucas, Rose-Hulman, due to its becoming a co-educational institution, is required by federal statute to have a sexual assault policy. That policy was adopted over the summer months and is now in effect at Rose-Hulman. The police statements are being distributed to all students, faculty, and staff.

According to the policy, "Rape is generally defined as forced sexual intercourse that is perpetrated against the will of the victim. The type of force may involve physical violence, coercion or threat of harm to the victim." The policy also defines "sexual battery" as "in general, the unwanted touching of an intimate part of the victim's body, such as sexual organs, buttocks, or breast, for the

purpose of sexual arousal."

Rape is a serious criminal matter in the State of Indiana. It is a felony. If a person is convicted of rape, it will result in a prison sentence.

Once an allegation of rape has been made to a police agency, an initial police crime/incident report is made. This document is public record and is usually the basis for the information in news articles and on the TV news. A police investigation is begun immediately. If the police agency determines that enough evidence exists, the case will be turned over to the prosecutor's office. The prosecutor's office will further investigate to decide whether or not to bring criminal charges against the accused assailant. Before felony charges are filed, a judge must determine whether or not probable cause exists. If so, normal court proceedings will begin.

Rose-Hulman has retained the right in its Sexual Assault policy to conduct its own investigation into a rape allegation. If enough evidence exists to suggest that a rape has occurred, the case will be reviewed by the Institute Rules and Discipline Committee. If found guilty, the policy allows for permanent suspension, suspension for a certain time, termination of employment, exclusion from certain areas of the campus, and/or mandatory counseling. The policy also allows for organizations whose members may be found guilty of sexual assault to be possibly disbanded, restricted from having female visitors, or the formal request of action by the national office if it is an affiliated organization. These actions can be taken either in conjunction with any action taken by the state, or if the state decides not to prosecute.

Dean Lucas stated, "Rose-Hulman cannot do anything before the criminal courts perform their duty because that could impact the court's actions in a particular case." Rose-Hulman will therefore let the state authorities finish their proceedings before taking action against an individual or individuals.

Dean Lucas emphasized that, just because the state does not act in a particular case, it will not necessarily keep Rose-Hulman from taking action against an individual if warranted from its own investigation.

People who accuse another person of rape must realize the seriousness of the charge. Rape is not like crying wolf. An allegation of rape sets into motion the aforementioned series of events that are both very costly to everyone involved and very traumatic to many individuals. Those who make these allegations must understand that, in order for a rape to have actually occurred, according to the law, force must be proved. That force may have been physical violence, coercion, or actual threat of harm or death if the victim did not relent. Rape is not regret after having sex with someone and wanting to get back at them.

To prevent any future incidents from happening at Rose-Hulman, all potential parties to a rape need to have some awareness.

Women should use some common sense. Do not go alone into an environment where there are all males that you do not know. Always have a female companion or two with you. Do not compromise your safety by having too much to drink. Avoid leading men on, and then rejecting them. While no action on a women's part ever justifies a rape,

many rapes can be avoided by just following the above advice and using good common sense.

Men should also use common sense and be aware of the risks they incur by having intercourse on the first or second meeting with an individual they do not know. Get to know the individual very well before you initiate or accept sexual advances. Do not take advantage of an individual who has had too much to drink.

All the men at Rose-Hulman need to take heed. Those situations at which excessive drinking occurs and extraordinary care is not taken, are perfect circumstances for sexual assault to occur. While not all sexual assaults are alcohol related, many reported cases are. To prevent sexual assaults within fraternity houses, fraternities should provide guidelines for female visitors. If fraternities are serious about preventing sexual assault, they must take a lead in educating their members and establishing policies which will preclude sexual assaults from occurring.

The alleged rape that occurred last week has damaged the public's view of Rose-Hulman. All of us at Rose, though, want justice to be done. We want the truth about whether the accused is guilty or innocent. As long as we stand for justice, and all of us do our best to prevent the occurrence ever again of sexual assault on this campus, we at Rose-Hulman should be proud of our institution and its many organizations. We must keep in mind that we, the vast majority of students at Rose-Hulman, are not being accused. The only judgement against us should be how we handle the situations in the future.

Placement at Rose

Continued from page 4

occasionally."

"So you admit that you inflate your chick placement stats to make our school look more appealing?"

She sighed resignedly. "OK; perhaps our numbers are a bit misleading. The fact is that even those who are getting placed are not as happy as those of a couple years ago. We are trying to alleviate this problem the best we can..."

"For example," she continued, "three years ago, as a senior EE you could easily have expected an average of 2.3 supermodel genius women to have been highly interested in you. Now that number is down to an average of 0.8 high-school dropout chain-smoking disheveled unskilled drug addicts. Now I'm not saying there's not a chance that you can get the attention of a beautiful, intellectual, charm-

ing female with few psychotic tendencies. But to do it, you have to get out there and demonstrate your qualities. Girls just aren't coming to campus. You have to get out there, to the ISU library, to the dance clubs, to the social parties, the Terre Haute civic center stomper truck demo ladies' nights. You have to present yourself well. When talking to a girl, you have to emphasize your ambition as well as extracurricular activities."

This all sounded depressing. "How can I look for the right girl while simultaneously pursuing a degree?"

"Only those who are dedicated enough are going to be successful. That's all I can tell you."

"Isn't there something I can do?" I pleaded. "If you could give me one piece of advice, besides weightlifting, on what I can do to present myself as an attractive companion, what would it be?"

"Go to grad school."



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Gridders take running game on the road

■ Engineers looking for consistency, win against Hanover

by Chad Zigler
Sports Editor

Scott Duncan's football squad has been riding a roller coaster for the past two weeks.

After defeating ICAC rival DePauw University 25-23 on October 9 for the first time since 1978, the Engineers were in full force for the first half of their game against Franklin College. But a strong second half attack by Franklin overcame a 15-point halftime deficit and handed Rose a 32-28 loss -- their first home loss and their first ICAC loss of the season.

Now the Engineers (3-3; 1-1 in ICAC) will prepare to travel to Hanover College to take on the Panthers (1-5; 0-3 in ICAC).

"Our players learned a valuable lesson: you've got to play hard for 60 minutes, not 30 minutes. It's a shame we had to lose a 15-point lead in the second half and lose a conference game to learn a lesson," said Duncan.

Rose will take their productive running game against the ICAC's worst team in rushing defense -- Hanover as allowed their opponents to run for an average of 267.3 yards per game.

But according to Duncan, the

focus may be on the two team's defenses. "The winner will have the defense which comes up with the big play or has success in shutting down the other team's offense. If I'm wrong, both teams will light up the scoreboard and the team with the ball last may win the game," the coach said.

Rose will see a Run-and-Shoot offense from Hanover, very similar to the offense of Franklin. "It's good to face two Run-and-Shoot offenses in successive weeks," said Duncan. "Hanover won't throw anything we didn't see last week (against Franklin)."

Offensively, the Engineers have been very productive with the running efforts of freshman tailback A.J. Wilkerson and junior fullback Anthony Hammack. Both have ran for over 100 yards in each of the last three games. Hammack has accumulated 616 yards rushing, while Wilkerson has ran for 533 yards.

This backfield duo gives opponents fits. Hammack dominates the middle of the field as a bullish fullback while Wilkerson uses his speed and agility to run outside. Wilkerson has even shown that he might



Rose-Hulman quarterback Todd Harris rolls out to make a pass. Harris passed for two touchdowns against Franklin College and ran for another against DePauw University.

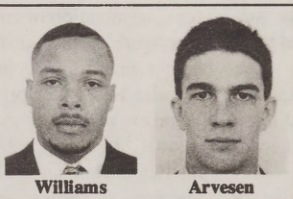
Photo by Dave Phillips

pass the ball on a couple of occasions, but opted to run instead.

Much to the surprise of many fans, the Engineers presented an effective passing attack against Franklin in the first half. Sophomore quarterback Todd Harris passed for two touchdowns, one ten-yard pass to TE Matt Allen and another 39-yarder to WR Eric Gappa -- his first TD of the season after scoring seven last year.

After his first collegiate start,

junior safety Mike Arvesen has made a great contribution to an already talent-laden defensive backfield. Arvesen had two interceptions against Franklin, putting him right behind sophomore cornerback Jerome



Williams

Arvesen

Williams who has three interceptions.

If it is big plays that the Engineers are looking for defensively, there are several players that could do just that. Junior linebackers Todd Sanders and Shawn Patterson share the first and second spots on the leading tackler list for Rose. Patterson leads the team with 25 ICAC tackles, while senior defensive end Mike Seals leads the team in sacks with four.

Soccer team takes winning record into final two weeks

by Chad Zigler
Sports Editor

The Rose-Hulman soccer team will take a 6-6 record into the final two weeks of the season.

After being postponed by rain, the match against Mount St. Joseph's College has been rescheduled for Monday, Oct. 25 at 3:30 p.m. The match will be played in Terre Haute and not in Rensselaer as originally scheduled.

After dropping an overtime match to nationally-ranked

DePauw University 2-1, Rose rebounded against Marian College and went on a scoring rampage, defeating Marian 7-0. In that match, junior forward Joe Wendel scored three goals, sophomore forward Gage Ferland scored two goals, and junior Son Cao and senior David Crawford scored one goal each as the Engineers reached the .500 mark one again.

After an ICAC match at Wabash College on Saturday, the

Engineers will play Mount St. Joseph in a rescheduled match on Monday. Then they will play their final two matches against Franklin College on Oct. 27 and Manchester College on Dad's Day, Oct. 30.

If the Engineers win their remaining matches, they will be the winningest soccer team in Rose-Hulman history, surpassing the previous mark of nine wins in 1982.



Forwards Gabe Ferland (left) and Joe Wendel fight for possession. Ferland and Wendel are key scorers for Rose.

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Skinner	1	1	0	.500
Deming 1/Att.	0	1	0	.000
Senior Fat+2	0	1	0	.000
Killer ChemE	0	2	0	.000

Division B

ATO, Fiji B, Hustlers, Milkpots, Pike - No results reported

Division C

Team	W	L	T	PCT
IND	2	0	0	1.000
Home Ave. Psse	0	1	1	.250
Mees	0	1	0	.000
Sigma Nu	0	1	0	.000
Speed 2	0	0	0	.000

Division D

Team	W	L	T	PCT
Lambda Chi	2	0	0	1.000
Blumberg	0	1	0	.000
Speed 3	0	1	0	.000
Skinnerheads	0	0	0	.000
Speed 1	0	0	0	.000

Division E

Team	W	L	T	PCT
Dem. Dungeon	2	0	0	1.000
Blumberg 1	0	1	0	.000
Scharp	0	1	0	.000
BSB 3	0	0	0	.000
Silly Gilly	0	0	0	.000

Major League

Team	W	L	T	PCT
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ATO	0	1	0	.000
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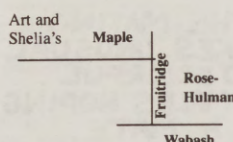
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If you have an interest and would attend an MBA Day, please contact the Career Services Office.

Cross Country Team Competes Well at Wisconsin

by Brady Neukam
Thorn Sports Writer

The Rose cross country team traveled to Kenosha, Wisconsin this weekend to compete in the premier small college cross country race in the midwest. Seven nationally-ranked teams ran on the course at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside which served as last year's course for the NAIA national championships.

34 teams fielded 320 runners who toed the line for the race. However, cross country team must have between five and seven runners, so all 19 runners who weren't in the top seven of their team or were on a team which didn't field five runners were not calculated in the team scoring. The team was without the services of top five runner Mike Miller (Jr.) who was attending his sister's wedding in Lansing, Michigan.

The Engineer harriers finished with a score of 455, good for a 17th place finish. The Engineer's next race will be the ICAC meet on October 23. Wabash and Hanover look to be the front runners in the meet, while Rose will have some very tough competition to make it into the top five.

MEAM RESULTS

North Central College (#1 Div. III).....	40
Lewis University (#2 Div. II)	49
Calvin College (#3 Div. III).....	84
Southwestern Michigan (#4 JUCO Div. I)	98
University Rio Grande (#6 NAIA).....	143
Rose-Hulman.....	455

ROSE HULMAN TOP 7

2. Joe Head	(Fr.)	27:05
4.5. Bruce Bender	(So.)	28:01
6. Brady Neukam	(Sr.)	28:02
4.4. Eric Wind	(Fr.)	28:09
4.4. Rick VanMeter	(Jr.)	28:41
1.1. Mark Law	(So.)	28:45
1.3. Matt Likes	(Jr.)	28:46

National College News

Fraternity defies ban at FSU

By Karen Neustadt
College Press Service

A fraternity that was banned from Florida State University five years ago for refusing to cooperate in the investigation of a gang rape say they are defying the ban and setting up an off-campus colony.

The Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity has announced that it will form a colony, which is the precursor to an official chapter, by mid-October and wants to persuade FSU officials to allow the group on campus by behaving in an exemplary fashion, according to university spokeswoman Annette Lee.

The fraternity was banned from the campus in 1988 for not cooperating in a police investigation of an incident in which a female student was raped in the Pi Kappa Alpha house, then dumped unconscious at another fraternity house.

The fraternity applied for reinstatement this year, but it was denied when university officials discovered that, with the support of local alumni, the fraternity had gone underground and had continued to meet secretly.

"I am disappointed and surprised that a strong national fraternity would choose to try to circumvent the sanctions of a university in order to re-establish itself as an unofficial fraternity," said Jon Dalton, vice president for student affairs.

Dalton said that FSU has no control over groups that wish to band together off campus, but that the group will not be allowed to participate in the Greek system, which includes sports, social, and academic events.

The Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity attempted to be reinstated on campus this year, but when university officials discovered that they had been meeting underground under the name of "The Firemen" since 1988, the ban was extended for three more years.

"They showed blatant disregard for the suspension," Dalton said. "They even had their picture in an alumni newsletter. Part of the review was to consider whether they complied with the extension criteria. That's the primary reason they weren't reinstated." A spokesman for the National Interfraternity Conference stated that it is the fraternity's prerogative to choose to meet off campus. "I think this demonstrates how futile it is to try to keep students from associating with each other," said

Jonathan Brant, executive vice president of the Indianapolis-based conference.

"All of our members want to work in cooperation with the university, but it's up to the fraternity to recognize a formal colony. I think the university should let them demonstrate their positive performance, and not judge them for what some men did five years ago."

Steven B. Vincent, director of expansion at the Pi Kappa Alpha headquarters in Memphis, Tenn., stated that the colony was being supported by fraternity alumni who thought the university process was unfair.

The university was objecting to the "existence of a local group of Florida State students over which the national fraternity has no control, thus violating the spirit of the original suspension," Vincent said.

The national headquarters report that they were contacted by a number of FSU students who were Pi Kappa Alpha initiates from other chapters who wished to form a colony at the school. None were members in 1988 when the rape occurred.

"Because Pi Kappa Alpha colonies generally have a positive impact on student lives and support the university and its Greek system, Pi Kappa Alpha staff members will help facilitate the colonization efforts by the undergraduates, graduate students and alumni," Vincent said.

Vincent said the colony will follow strict standards of membership, scholastic achievement, community service and academic standards, then will submit a petition of proof of accomplishments before they become an official fraternity by vote of the nation's 184 Pi Kappa Alpha chapters.

FSU's Dalton expressed concern that national officials weren't aware of the existence of the underground group that operated for the past five years in Tallahassee.

"The university had trouble dealing with an organization that did not know what was going on down here," Dalton added.

Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, established in 1883 at the University of Virginia, has 170,000 members and 196 chapters and colonies throughout the United States and Canada.

Following the rape investigation in 1988, the national chapter revoked the FSU chapter and expelled the three men involved.

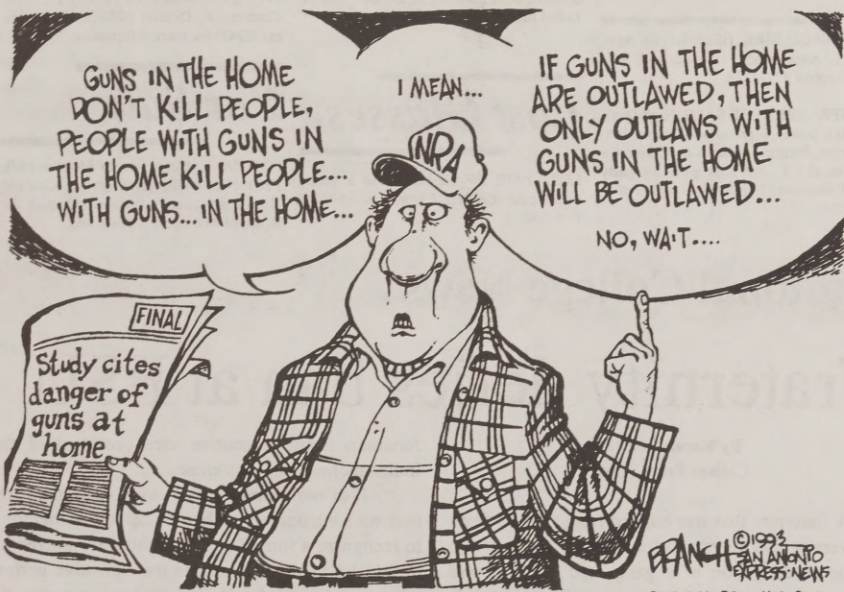
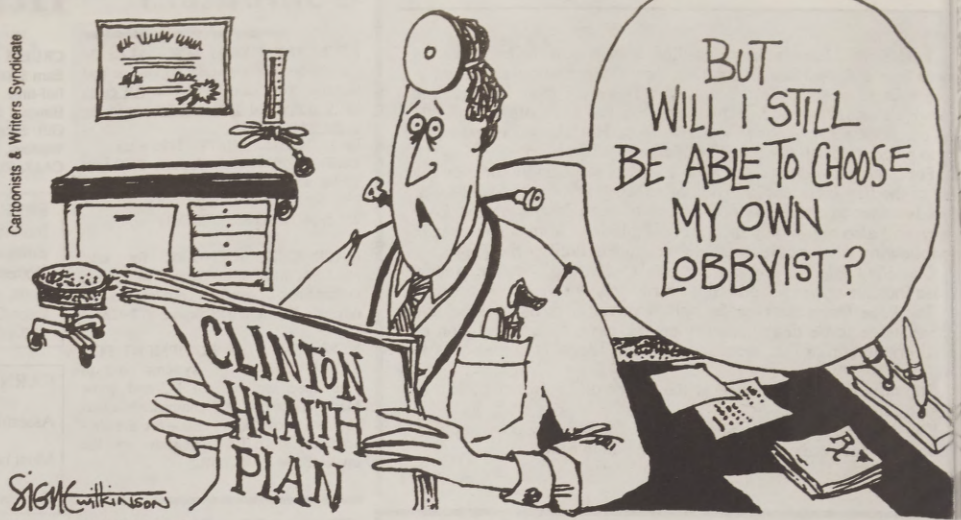
Top Ten Puerile Phrases Which Come to Mind When Looking Upon the Initials ISU

Courtesy of Skinner C-1

10. I Spell Uxcellently
9. Intestinal Sauces ar Unhealthy
8. It was here or Ivy Tech
7. Incontinence Stains Underwear
6. Idiotic Students United
5. Intellectually Stimulating Undergarments
4. Idiot Savants are Underrated
3. Would you like fries with that?
2. International Society of the Unemployed
1. I Stupidern U

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